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1. Since 1950 practically all power plants in Poland worked on the same grid. For that reason the prices of produced electric energy had to be calculated for Poland as a whole and not for individual power plants or districts. The Planning and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Power, headed by Director Laskow with Engineer Osinski as his deputy, was concerned with this problem.
2. The price for energy differed for various consumers (industry, agriculture, and individual) and, according to the price policy of the government, did not cover the producing cost. As a result, the Ministry of Power operated on a deficit and had to obtain additional funds from the state budget.
3. The price of energy for individual consumers in cities was based on the number of rooms occupied and was kept low for propaganda reasons. This, however, posed no economic problem for the government since only 10 percent of all energy for consumption was allotted to the people.
4. The price for individual consumers in rural areas was calculated by the number of hectares owned. This system was based on general Communist policy and was aimed at the larger land owners.
5. According to calculations after 1951, the average cost of produced and supplied energy to consumers was about two zloty for one unit (one kw/h).

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